# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRADITIONAL MILK SOCIETIES
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether some States in the country are facing shortage of milk and milk products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many traditional milk societies in the county particularly in the State of Kerala are not able to expend their activities due to financial constraints;

(d) if so. the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to extend financial assistance to these traditional milk societies?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): The State of Kerala has reported shortage of milk due to change in climate, non-availability of green fodder, escalated cost of feed items, etc. As per the report, the average daily milk procurement in the State during the current financial year (up to February) is 7.5 lakh litres per day (LLPD) while the sales, including requirement of milk for milk products, is 10.00 LLPD.

(c)to(e): Government of India is not aware of any financial constraints being faced by the traditional milk societies in the country, particularly in the State of Kerala. However, Government is implementing two centrally sponsored schemes for dairy development, namely `Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production` & `Intensive Dairy Development Programme` to strengthen dairy infrastructure and dairy co-operative societies. A central sector scheme `Assistance to Co-operatives` is also being implemented for rehabilitation of sick co-operative milk unions. Also a credit linked central sector scheme, namely `Dairy/Poultry Venture Capital Fund` is implemented through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for providing financial assistance in the form of loan to entrepreneurs for creation of dairy infrastructure.